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SUBJECT: ECOSOC ELECTIONS

1. ELECTION OF 18 MEMBERS OF THE ECOSOC FOR TWO YEAR TERMS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 1976 TOOK PLACE IN THE PLENARY OF THE 30TH GA ON OCTOBER 20. FOUR OF THE FIVE REGIONAL GROUPS HAD AGREED SLATES TO PRESENT. THEY WERE: WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS-- AUSTRIA, FRANCE, FRG, GREECE AND PORTUGAL; AFRICA--ALGERIA, NIGERIA, TOGO, TUNISIA, AND UGANDA; EASTERN EUROPE--YUGOSLAVIA; ASIA--AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH AND MALAYSIA, SRI LANKA WITHDREW AS A CANDIDATE AT THE LAST MINUTE.

2. THERE WERE 5 LATIN AMERICAN CANDIDATES FOR 4 SEATS: BRAZIL, BOLIVA, PARAGUAY, VENEZUELA AND CUBA. ON THE FIRST BALLOT, ONLY VENEZUELA (134) AND BRAZIL (119) RECEIVED SUFFICIENT VOTES TO BE ELECTED. AS A CONSEQUENCE, A SECOND BALLOT BEGAN BRACKETS CUBA (86), BOLIVIA (82) AND PARAGUAY (60) END BRACKETS WAS HELD, AGAIN WITH INCONCLUSIVE RESULTS, ON THE THIRD BALLOT, CUBA WAS ELECTED WITH 93 VOTES. ON THE FOURTH BALLOTS, WITH BOLIVIA AND PARAGUAY VYING, BOLIVIA WON A SEAT WITH 86 VOTES.
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